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.IDENT 'V04=001'

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#### Facility: Example of User Written System Services

##### Abstract:

This module contains an example dispatcher for user written system services along with several sample services and a user rundown example. It is a template intend to serve as the starting point for implementing a privileged shareable image containing your own services. When used as a template, the definitions and code for the sample services should be removed.

##### Overview:

User written system services are contained in privileged shareable images that are linked into user program images in exactly the same fashion as any shareable image. The creation and installation of a privileged, shareable image is slightly different from that of an ordinary shareable image. These differences are:

1. A vector defining the entry points and providing other control information to the image activator. This vector is at the lowest address in an image section with the VEC attribute.
2. The shareable image is linked with the /PROTECT option that marks all of the image sections so that they will be protected and given EXEC mode ownership by the image activator.
3. The shareable image MUST be installed /SHARE /PROTECT with the INSTALL utility in order for the image activator to connect the privileged shareable image to the change mode

dispatchers.

A privileged shareable image implementing user written system services is comprised of the following major components:

1. A transfer vector containing all of the entry points and collecting them at the lowest virtual address in the shareable image. This formalism enables revision of the shareable image without necessitating the relinking of images that use it.
2. A Privileged Library Vector in a PSECT with the VEC attribute that describes the entry points for dispatching EXEC and KERNEL mode services along with validation information.
3. A dispatcher for kernel mode services. This code will be called by the VMS change mode dispatcher when it fails to recognize a kernel mode service request.
4. A dispatcher for executive mode services. This code will be called by the VMS change mode dispatcher when it fails to recognize an executive mode service request.
5. Service routines to perform the various services.

The first four components are contained in this template and are most easily implemented in MACRO, while the service routines can be implemented in BLISS or MACRO. Other languages may be usable but are not recommended -- particularly if they require runtime support routines or are extravagant in their use of stack or are unable to generate PIC code.

This example is position-independent (PIC) and it is good practice to implement shareable images this way whenever possible.

#### Revision History:

V04-001 WMC0001 Wayne Cardoza 06-Sep-1984  
Make system version a weak reference.

V03-002 KDM0074 Kathleen D. Morse 23-Aug-1983  
Use cpu-dependent routine to get the TODR value.  
Add \$SSDEF and remove \$PRDEF.

V03-001 ACG0001 Andrew C. Goldstein 23-May-1983  
Fix change-mode dispatcher to clean two extra longwords  
off stack before calling user system service.

#### -- Link Command File Example:

```
$!  
$! Command file to link User System Service example.  
$!  
$ LINK/PROTECT/NOSYSSHR/SHARE=USS/MAP=USS/FULL SY$INPUT/OPTIONS
```

```
Options file for the link of User System Service example.  
SYSSYSTEM:SYS.STB/SELECTIVE  
Create a separate cluster for the transfer vector.  
CLUSTER=TRANSFER_VECTOR,,,SYSSDISK:[]USSDISP  
GSMATCH=LEQUAL,1,1  
  
.PAGE  
.SBTTL Declarations and Equates  
Include Files  
  
.LIBRARY "SYSSLIBRARY:LIB.MLB" ; Macro library for system structure  
; definitions  
Macro Definitions  
  
DEFINE_SERVICE - A macro to make the appropriate entries in several  
different PSECTs required to define an EXEC or KERNEL  
mode service. These include the transfer vector,  
the case table for dispatching, and a table containing  
the number of required arguments.  
DEFINE_SERVICE Name,Number_of_Arguments,Mode  
  
.MACRO DEFINE_SERVICE,NAME NARG=0,MODE=KERNEL  
.PSECT SSSTRANSFER_VECTOR,PAGE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC  
.ALIGN QUAD ; Align entry points for speed and style  
.TRANSFER NAME ; Define name as universal symbol for entry  
.MASK NAME ; Use entry mask defined in main routine  
.IF IDN MODE,KERNEL  
CHMK #<KCODE_BASE+KERNEL_COUNTER>; Change to kernel mode and execute  
RET ; Return  
KERNEL_COUNTER=KERNEL_COUNTER+1 ; Advance counter  
  
.PSECT KERNEL_NARG,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC  
.BYTE NARG ; Define number of required arguments  
  
.PSECT USER_KERNEL_DISP1,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC  
.WORD 2+NAME-KCASE_BASE ; Make entry in kernel mode CASE table  
  
.IFF  
CHME #<ECODE_BASE+EXEC_COUNTER>; Change to executive mode and execute  
RET ; Return  
EXEC_COUNTER=EXEC_COUNTER+1 ; Advance counter  
  
.PSECT EXEC_NARG,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC  
.BYTE NARG ; Define number of required arguments  
  
.PSECT USER_EXEC_DISP1,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC  
.WORD 2+NAME-ECASE_BASE ; Make entry in exec mode CASE table
```

```
.ENDC
.ENDM  DEFINE_SERVICE
```

Equated Symbols

```
$PHDDEF      : Define process header offsets
$PLVDEF      : Define PLV offsets and values
$SSSDEF      : Define system status codes
```

Initialize counters for change mode dispatching codes

```
KERNEL_COUNTER=0          : Kernel code counter
EXEC_COUNTER=0            : Exec code counter
```

Own Storage

```
.PSECT KERNEL_NARG,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
KERNEL_NARG:              : Base of byte table containing the
                           : number of required arguments.
```

```
.PSECT EXEC_NARG,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
EXEC_NARG:              : Base of byte table containing the
                           : number of required arguments.
```

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.SBTTL Transfer Vector and Service Definitions

```
+++
The use of transfer vectors to effect entry to the user written system services
enables some updating of the shareable image containing them without necessitating
a re-link of all programs that call them. The PSECT containing the transfer
vector will be positioned at the lowest virtual address in the shareable image
and so long as the transfer vector is not re-ordered, programs linked with
one version of the shareable image will continue to work with the next.
```

```
Thus as additional services are added to a privileged shareable image, their
definitions should be added to the end of the following list to ensure that
programs using previous versions of it will not need to be re-linked.
To completely avoid relinking existing programs the size of the privileged
shareable image must not change so some padding will be required to provide
the opportunity for future growth.
```

```
--+
DEFINE_SERVICE USER_GET_TODR,1,KERNEL ; Service to get value of time
                                         ; of day register
DEFINE_SERVICE USER_SET_PFC,2,KERNEL   ; Service to set value of process
                                         ; default pagefault cluster
DEFINE_SERVICE USER_NULL,0,EXEC        ; Null exec service
```

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+
The base values used to generate the dispatching codes should be negative for
user services and must be chosen to avoid overlap with any other privileged
shareable images that will be used concurrently. Their definition is
deferred to this point in the assembly to cause their use in the preceding
macro calls to be forward references that guarantee the size of the change
mode instructions to be four bytes. This satisfies an assumption that is
made by for services that have to wait and be retried. The PC for retrying
the change mode instruction that invokes the service is assumed to be 4 bytes
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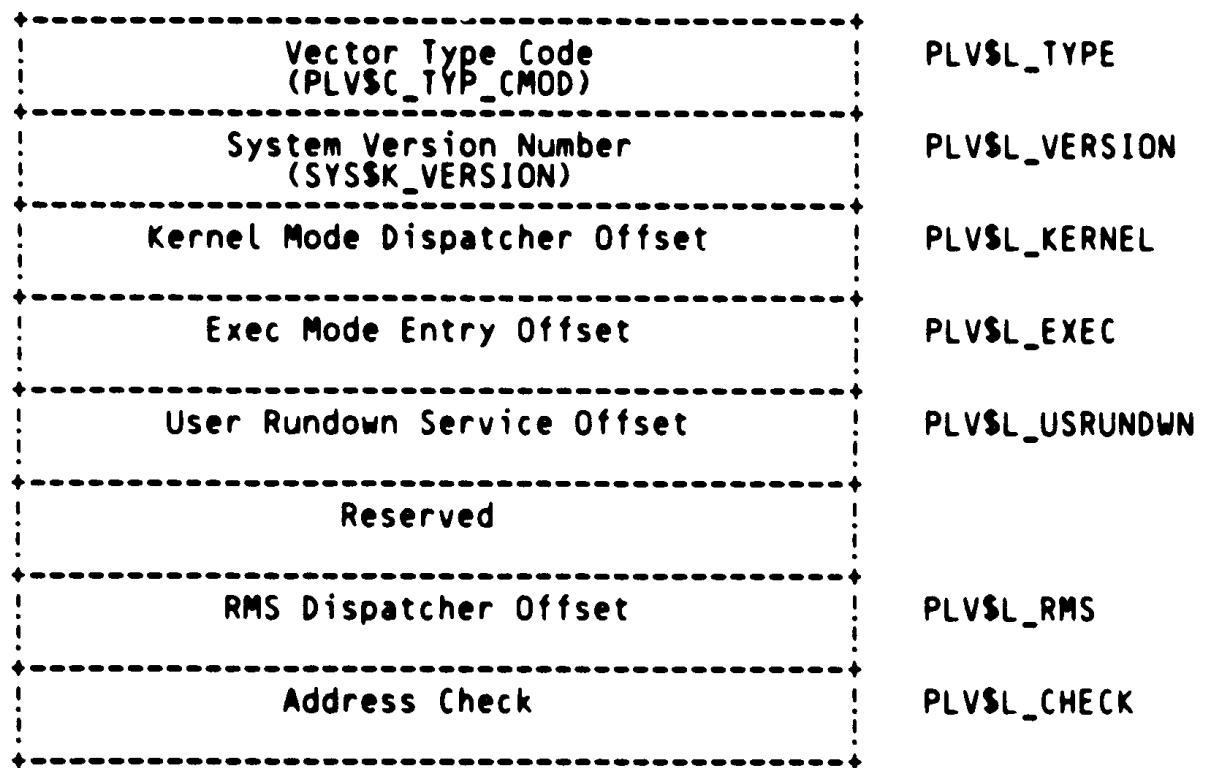
: less than that saved in the change mode exception frame. Of course, the particular service routine determines whether this is possible.

```
KCODE_BASE=-1024           ; Base CHMK code value for these services
ECODE_BASE=-1024           ; Base CHME code value for these services
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```

#### .SBTTL Change Mode Dispatcher Vector Block

++  
This vector is used by the image activator to connect the privileged shareable image to the VMS change mode dispatcher. The offsets in the vector are self-relative to enable the construction of position independent images. The system version number will be used by the image activator to verify that this shareable image was linked with the symbol table for the current system.

#### Change Mode Vector Format



The reference to SYSSK\_VERSION will only be resolved if the image is linked against SYS.STB. In other cases the version check is unnecessary and will not be done.

```
.WEAK SYSSK_VERSION
```

```
.PSECT USER_SERVICES,PAGE,VEC,PIC,NOWRT,EXE
```

```
.LONG PLV$C_TYP_CMOD      ; Set type of vector to change mode dispatcher
.LONG SYSSK_VERSION       ; Identify system version
.LONG KERNEL_DISPATCH-    ; Offset to kernel mode dispatcher
.LONG EXEC_DISPATCH-      ; Offset to executive mode dispatcher
.LONG USER_RUNDOWN-       ; Offset to user rundown service
```

```
.LONG 0          : Reserved.
.LONG 0          : No RMS dispatcher
.LONG 0          : Address check - PIC image
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.SBTTL Kernel Mode Dispatcher
```

```
::++ Input Parameters:
```

```
(SP) - Return address if bad change mode value
R0 - Change mode argument value.
R4 - Current PCB Address. (Therefore R4 must be specified in all
      register save masks for kernel routines.)
AP - Argument pointer existing when the change
      mode instruction was executed.
FP - Address of minimal call frame to exit
      the change mode dispatcher and return to
      the original mode.
```

```
-- PSECT USER_KERNEL_DISP0,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
KACCVIO:
  MOVZWL #SSS_ACCVIO,R0          : Kernel access violation
  RET                           : Set access violation status code
                                : and return
KINSFARG:
  MOVZWL #SSS_INSFARG,R0          : Kernel insufficient arguments.
  RET                           : Set status code and
                                : return
KNOTME: RSB                  : RSB to forward request
KERNEL_DISPATCH:::
  MOVAB W^-KCODE_BASE(R0),R1      : Entry to dispatcher
  BLSS  KNOTME                  : Normalize dispatch code value
  CMPW  R1,#KERNEL_COUNTER       : Branch if code value too low
  BGEQU KNOTME                  : Check high limit
                                : Branch if out of range
```

```
: The dispatch code has now been verified as being handled by this dispatcher,
: now the argument list will be probed and the required number of arguments
: verified.
```

```
MOVZBL W^KERNEL_NARG[R1],R1      : Get required argument count
MOVAL 0#4[R1],R1                : Compute byte count including arg count
IFNORD R1,(AP),KACCVIO          : Branch if arglist not readable
CMPB   (AP),W^<KERNEL_NARG-KCODE_BASE>[R0] : Check for required number
BLSSU  KINSFARG                : of arguments
MOVL   FP,SP                   : Reset stack for service routine
CASEW  R0,-                     : Case on change mode
                                : argument value
                                : Base value
                                : Limit value (number of entries)
KCASE_BASE:                    : Case table base address for DEFINE_SERVICE
```

```
: Case table entries are made in the PSECT USER_KERNEL_DISP1 by
: invocations of the DEFINE SERVICE macro. The three PSECTS
: USER_KERNEL_DISP0,1,2 will be abutted in lexical order at link-time.
```

```
:
.PSECT USER_KERNEL_DISP2,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
BUG_CHECK IVSSRVRQST,FATAL      : Since the change mode code is validated
                                  : above, we should never get here
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.SBTTL Executive Mode Dispatcher
```

## Input Parameters:

(SP) - Return address if bad change mode value

RO - Change mode argument value.

AP - Argument pointer existing when the change mode instruction was executed.

FP - Address of minimal call frame to exit the change mode dispatcher and return to the original mode.

```
-- .PSECT USER_EXEC_DISPO,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
EACCVIO: MOVZWL #SSS_ACCVIO,RO          : Exec access violation
          RET           : Set access violation status code
                           : and return
EINSFARG: MOVZWL #SSS_INSFARG,RO        : Exec insufficient arguments.
          RET           : Set status code and
                           : return
ENOTME:   RSB            : RSB to forward request
```

```
EXEC_DISPATCH:: MOVAB  W^-ECODE_BASE(RO),R1    : Entry to dispatcher
                  BLSS   ENOTME       : Normalize dispatch code value
                  CMPW  R1,#EXEC_COUNTER : Branch if code value too low
                  BGEQU ENOTME       : Check high limit
                           : Branch if out of range
```

The dispatch code has now been verified as being handled by this dispatcher, now the argument list will be probed and the required number of arguments verified.

```
MOVZBL W^EXEC_NARG[R1],R1      : Get required argument count
MOVAL  @#4[R1],R1           : Compute byte count including arg count
IFNORD R1,(AP),EACCVIO      : Branch if arglist not readable
CMPB   (AP),W^<EXEC_NARG-ECODE_BASE>[RO] : Check for required number
BLSSU  EINSFARG          : of arguments
MOVL   FP,SP             : Reset stack for service routine
CASEW  R0,-              : Case on change mode
          -                : argument value
          #ECODE_BASE_- : Base value
          #<EXEC_COUNTER-1> : Limit value (number of entries)
ECASE_BASE:                 : Case table base address for DEFINE_SERVICE
```

Case table entries are made in the PSECT USER\_EXEC\_DISP1 by invocations of the DEFINE SERVICE macro. The three PSECTS, USER\_EXEC\_DISPO,1,2 will be abutted in lexical order at link-time.

```
.PSECT USER_EXEC_DISP2,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC
```

BUG\_CHECK IVSSRVROST,FATAL : Since the change mode code is validated  
 : above, we should never get here

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 .SBTTL User Rundown Service

++ Functional description:

This service is invoked from within the kernel mode system service that performs image rundown. It is invoked before any system rundown functions (i.e. deassign channels, release memory) are performed. User code should not invoke any RMS services or RTL routines, must not signal any exceptions. User code can invoke most system services except those that use RMS (e.g. \$PUTMSG).

Calling sequence:

JSB USER\_RUNDOWN

Entered at IPL=0 and must leave at IPL=0.

Input Parameters:

R4 - Current PCB Address. (Therefore R4 must be specified in all register save masks for kernel routines.)

R7 - Access mode parameter to \$RUNDWN maximized with previous mode

AP - Argument pointer existing when the \$RUNDWN system service was invoked.

4(AP) - Access mode parameter to \$RUNDWN

-- .PSECT USER\_CODE,BYTE,NOWRT,EXE,PIC

USER\_RUNDOWN::

PUSHL R2	: Entry point for service
PUSHAB B^SYSOUT	: Save a register
PUSHL S^#SYS_LEN	: Set up address of descriptor
MOVAL -(SP)-R2	: Set up length
\$ASSIGN_S 4(R2), (R2)	: Grab some temporary storage
BLBC R0, 10\$	: Assign a channel to operator console
SOUTPUT (R2), S^#MSG_LEN, B^MSG	: Error
\$DASSGN_S (R2)	: Print the message on operator console
10\$: ADDL2 #12, SP	: Get rid of the channel
MOVL (SP)+, R2	: Clean up
RSB	: Restore register

SYSOUT: .ASCII /\_OPA0:/

SYS\_LEN=-SYSOUT

MSG: .ASCII /\*\* Image exiting \*\*/

MSG\_LEN=-MSG

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.SBTTL Get Time of Day Register Value

++ Functional Description:

This routine reads the content of the hardware time of day processor register and stores the resulting value at the specified address.

: Input Parameters:  
 04(AP) - Address to return time of day value  
 R4 - Address of current PCB

: Output Parameters:  
 R0 - Completion Status Code

```
-- .ENTRY USER.GET_TODR,^M<R2,R3,R4>
MOVL 4(AP),R1          ; Get address to store time of day register
IFNOWRT #4,(R1),10$    ; Branch if not writable
JSB   G^EXESREAD_TODR ; Call cpu-dependent routine
MOVL  R0,(R1)          ; Return current time of day register
MOVL  #SSS_NORMAL,R0   ; Set normal completion status
RET
```

; and return

```
10$: MOVZWL #SSS_ACCVIO,R0 ; Indicate access violation
RET
```

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.SBTTL Set Page Fault Cluster Factor
```

: Functional Description:  
 This routine sets the page fault cluster to the specified value  
 and returns the previous value.

: Input Parameters.  
 04(AP) - New value for Page Fault Cluster factor  
 08(AP) - Address to return previous value  
 (0 means none)  
 R4 - PCB address of current process

: Output Parameters:  
 R0 - Completion Status code

```
-- .ENTRY USER.SET_PFC,^M<R4,R5>
MOVL 2#CTE$GL_PHD,R5 ; Get address of process header
MOVL 8(AP),R1          ; Get address to store previous value
BEQL 10$               ; Branch if none
IFNOWRT #4,(R1),30$    ; Branch if not writable
MOVZBL PHDSB_DFPFC(R5),(R1) ; Return current value
10$: MOVB 4(AP),R0        ; Get new value for PFC
CMPB  R0,#127            ; Check for legal value
BLEQU 20$               ; Branch if legal
MOVB  #127,R0            ; Set to maximum value
20$: MOVB  R0,PHDSB_DFPFC(R5) ; Set new value into PHD
MOVL  #SSS_NORMAL,R0     ; Set normal completion status
RET
```

; and return

```
30$: MOVZWL #SSS_ACCVIO,R0 ; Indicate access violation
RET
```

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.SBTTL Null Service
```

: Functional Description:

: Input Parameters:

; Output Parameters:

;--

```
.ENTRY USER_NULL ^M<>
MOVZWL #SSS_NORMAL, R0
RET
.END
```

; Entry definition  
; Set normal completion status  
; and return

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